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SUBJECT: MADAGASCAR WILL USE MANDATORY NATIONAL SERVICE TO
INCREASE GOVERNMENT TEACHING STAFF

1. ON JANUARY 20, IGNACE RAKOTO, MADAGASCAR MINISTER OF
HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, ANNOUNCED THAT
BEGINNING WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF APRIL
1978, ALL GRADUATES (BOTH MEN AND WOMEN) WITH BACCALAUREAT (THE
REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY) WILL BE
REQUIRED TO PERFORM ONE YEAR NATIONAL SERVICE AS GOVERNMENT
SCHVL TEACHERS BEFORE THEY ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER UNIVERSITY.
THIS WILL SWELL GOVERNMENT TEACHING RANKS BY ABOUT 1,500.
EACH YOUNG TEACHER WILL RECEIVE A MONTHLY SALARY OF
ABOUT 27,000 FMG (APPROX. 100 DOLLARS) AND WILL BE PROVI-
DED HOUSING.

2. NATURALLY THERE IS SOME GRUMBLING BY PARENTS AND
STUDENTS WHO WOULD RATHER SEE STUDENTS ENTER UNIVERSITY
IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT HAS
MADE ONE OF ITS PRIORITIES, THE EXPANSION AND THE
DEMOCRATISATION OF THE BASIC EDUCATION SYSTEM AND THIS
MEASURE WILL HELP ACCOMPLISH THAT END AS WELL AS
ENLIST THE ELITE OF THE POPULATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE NATION. SMITH

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